

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

March 27, 2000  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TONI NELSON; DAN CLAWSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; MIKE WEBBY, Human Resources & Risk Management Administrator; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2000 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**PROCLAMATION**

“Census Day” – April 1st

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the day of April 1, 2000 to be “Census Day” in the City of Renton, and encouraging all citizens to complete their census forms and turn them in promptly, and encourage their neighbors, friends and families to do likewise. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City’s recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2000 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ In preparation to celebrate Renton’s Centennial next year, letters have been sent to civic organizations, neighborhood groups and businesses, inviting them to participate by adding an element of history to events or activities which they host or sponsor.
- ✱ Tomorrow and Wednesday the City will host workshops to provide the public an opportunity to help design Renton’s new skatepark.
- ✱ The City will hold a free one-hour workshop to train citizens how to compost food and yard wastes. The first 200 registrants will receive a free worm bin and/or yard waste compost bin.
- ✱ King County will hold a public meeting in Renton’s Council Chambers this Wednesday to discuss its upcoming sewer repair project in the downtown.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Nollner –  
Kirkland Court Plat (Extension  
of Fence to Neighboring  
Residences), FP-99-152

Michelle Nollner, 2020 Kirkland Pl. NE, Renton, 98056, said in connection with the new Kirkland Court final plat near her home, a survey was taken of the public right-of-way abutting the existing homes on Kirkland Pl. NE. The survey determined that the City’s right-of-way is 60 feet, a distance which extends significantly into existing yards and driveways. Noting that the public right-of-way for the new plat development is only 42 feet, she asked that the right-of-way in front of her home be reduced to the same length. Ms. Nollner also asked that the City install speed bumps and sidewalks in this area.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.

Council President Corman noted that although the right-of-way may be 60 feet in front of Ms. Nollner's home, this road will probably never be widened beyond its current 42 feet. Councilman Schlitzer agreed that the new road extension will serve a cul-de-sac and not constitute a major arterial.

Citizen Comment: Greising – Kirkland Court Plat (Extension of Fence to Neighboring Residences), FP-99-152

Paul Greising, 2010 Kirkland Pl. NE, Renton, 98056, explained that he and his neighbors are concerned about how far the public right-of-way intrudes into their properties because the builder of Kirkland Court has offered to construct a fence in front of their homes along the property boundary.

Citizen Comment: Greising – Kirkland Court Plat (Extension of Fence to Neighboring Residences), FP-99-152

Geri Greising, 2010 Kirkland Pl. NE, Renton, 98056, added that if the right-of-way was changed from 60 feet to 42 feet, the fence could be constructed on the new boundary line rather than in their front yards. She said the builder did not share his reason for wanting this fence.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Plat: Stafford Crest, NE 36th St/Lincoln Ave NE (FP-99-180)

Development Services Division recommended approval of the Stafford Crest Division 2 final plat; 49 single family lots on 10.3 acres located in the vicinity of NE 36th St. and Lincoln Avenue NE (FP-99-180). Council concur. (See page 106 for resolution.)

Human Resources:  
Classification Series Policy  
Amendment (#300-60)

Human Resources & Risk Management Department recommended an amendment to City Policy & Procedure #300-60, Classification Series, to create a Recreation Specialist series in the Community Services Department and a Planning Technician series in the Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department. Refer to Finance Committee.

Airport: T-Hangars Rent  
Increase

Transportation Systems Division recommended increasing the lease rate for the City's T-hangars from \$169.26 per month to \$225 per month, including leasehold tax. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

CAG: 99-078, Emergency  
Power Upgrades to Water  
Pump Stations, JR Electric

Water Utility Division submitted CAG-99-078, Emergency Power Upgrades to Water Pump Stations; and recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$4,219.58, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$4,934.19 to JR Electric, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Citizen Comment: Labrador  
Ventures – Rolled Curbs  
Request

Correspondence was read from Bradley K. Hughes, General Manager, Labrador Ventures, LLC, PO Box 3344, Kirkland, 98083, requesting that the City allow rolled curbs to be installed in the Labrador Ventures preliminary plat located in the 2700 block of Lake Washington Blvd., rather than standard vertical curbs.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler requested information from the Administration regarding Council's authority to act on this request.

Citizen Comment: Mandt–  
Rolled Curbs Request

Correspondence was read from Marleen Mandt, 1406 N. 28th St., Renton, 98056, commenting that the City has just installed new standard (vertical curb) sidewalks on N. 30th, Park Ave. and N. 28th St. in the Kennydale neighborhood. She felt that all new sidewalks should be consistent in appearance in this area,

and asked that the Kennydale Neighborhood Association be given an opportunity to review any change in City Code which would allow rolled curbs.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
**Community Services**  
**Committee**

EDNSP: 2000 Neighborhood Grant Program

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding the 2000 Neighborhood Grant Program. The Committee met on March 21st to review staff's final funding recommendations for the 2000 Neighborhood Grant Program. After review of the applications, the Community Services Committee recommended approval of the following grant applications:

Summerwind spring-flowering bulb planting project, Summerwind Estates, \$1,000;

Earlington daffodil project and neighborhood sign and garden, Earlington Neighborhood, \$1,700;

Highlands Community bulb planting project, Highlands Community Association, \$1,200;

Kennydale Neighborhood gateway sign project (west side of I-405), Kennydale Neighborhood Association, \$3,895; and

North Renton Neighborhood sign project, North Renton Neighborhood Association, \$885.

Staff is requested to research entryway signs for historic neighborhoods and report back to the Committee. It is further recommended that Council have a special presentation to award the grant certificates to the grant recipients on April 10th. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Transportation Committee**

King County: Renton Transit Center Funding (Construction, Operation & Maintenance)

Transportation Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending that Council approve an agreement with King County for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Renton Transit Center. This agreement assumes that King County will be contributing Motor Vehicle Excise Tax grant funding and that the City of Renton will be contributing federal grant funding and other local funding. Both agencies are responsible for local match money associated with these grants. The total construction funding package is approximately \$3.6 million. If the funding arrangement changes significantly from the current understanding, this agreement will potentially need further review, modification and approval. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for resolution.)

Council: Letter of Appreciation to Public Works Employee John Thompson

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL SEND A LETTER TO JOHN THOMPSON THANKING HIM FOR VOLUNTEERING MANY OFF-DUTY HOURS INSTALLING THE NEW GARBAGE COLLECTION CANS IN THE HIGHLANDS AND THE DOWNTOWN. CARRIED.

**Finance Committee**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 180216 - 180669, and two wire transfers totaling \$1,370,129.20. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Public Safety Committee**

Police: Valley Communications Center, Interlocal Agreement

Public Safety Committee Chair Schlitzer presented a report recommending that the Mayor sign the new Valley Communications Center interlocal agreement. The cities of Auburn, Kent, Tukwila and Renton have had a long relationship in providing emergency dispatch jointly in an organization known as Valley Communications. Over the past year, the City of Federal Way has negotiated

with the cities to become a full partner in Valley Communications. The board of Valley Communications, made up of the mayors of the four cities, has agreed to include Federal Way. This interlocal agreement expands ownership to now include five cities: Federal Way, Kent, Auburn, Renton and Tukwila. In addition, the agreement updates laws and regulations from the original agreement. It also notes the original four members of the center solely own the assets of the current communications center. However, all five members will jointly own and operate the new center. **MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See later this page for resolution.)

Police: Valley Communications Center, Creation of PDA

Public Safety Committee Chair Schlitzer presented a report recommending adoption of an ordinance that approves the City of Kent's creation of a Public Development Authority (PDA). The PDA's sole purpose is the issuance and payment of the debt on a \$15 million communications center. The ordinance states that the City of Renton will be a full partner with the cities of Kent, Tukwila, Auburn and Federal Way in paying for the debt for a new center. The debt will be paid equally among the five cities. Any contract agencies will also pay a portion of the debt. **MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See later this page for ordinance.)

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution #3448**

Plat: Stafford Crest, NE 36th St/Lincoln Ave NE (FP-99-180)

A resolution was read approving the Stafford Crest Division 2 final plat; 49 single family lots on 10.3 acres located in the vicinity of NE 36th St. and Lincoln Avenue NE (FP-99-180). **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

### **Resolution #3449**

Police: Valley Communications Center, Interlocal Agreement

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with the cities of Auburn, Federal Way, Kent and Tukwila regarding the formation of the Valley Communications Center Development Authority. **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

### **Resolution #3450**

King County: Renton Transit Center Funding (Construction, Operation & Maintenance)

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with King County for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Renton Transit Center. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 4/03/00 for second and final reading:

Police: Valley Communications Center, Creation of PDA

An ordinance was read approving the formation of the Valley Communications Center Development Authority. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 4/03/00. CARRIED.**

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

### **Ordinance #4835**

Planning: Critical Areas

An ordinance was read amending Title 4 (Development Regulations) of City Code relating to the Critical Areas Ordinance. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-**

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| Ordinance  | WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.   |
| Planning: Critical Areas Ordinance (Employee Recognition in Development)                             | Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler thanked the following people for contributing to the development and passage of the Critical Areas Ordinance: Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Administrator Susan Carlson, Senior Planner Owen Dennison, Lisa Grueter (no longer employed by the City), Senior Planner Rob Jenkins, Mike Kattermann (no longer employed by the City), Senior Planner Rebecca Lind, Economic Development Director Betty Nokes, Development Services Director Jana Hanson, Jim Hanson (retired from the City), Principal Planner Jennifer Henning, Civil Engineer Bob Mahn, Senior Planner Lauren Nicolay, Senior Planner Peter Rosen, Utility Engineering Supervisor Ron Straka, Plan Review Supervisor Neil Watts, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman, Parks Director Leslie Betlach, Battalion Chief Chuck Duffy, Assistant Fire Marshall Jim Gray, Councilmen Tim Schlitzer and Dan Clawson, and members of the Planning Commission. |
| <b>NEW BUSINESS</b><br>King County: Jail Booking Policies, Dept of Adult Detention                   | Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler noted the receipt of information from the Suburban Cities Association on the latest booking policies of King County's Department of Adult Detention. The comment period on the proposed changes ends on April 20th. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE <u>PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE</u> AND THE <u>ADMINISTRATION</u> . CARRIED.   |
| <b>AUDIENCE COMMENT</b><br>Citizen Comment: Labrador Ventures – Rolled Curbs Request                 | Brad Hughes, 1323 N. 28th Pl., Renton, 98056, explained the request from Labrador Ventures for rolled curbs in the new Clover Creek development on Lake Washington Boulevard. Mr. Hughes said rolled curbs would be better for pedestrians, particularly those pushing strollers or those who are visually impaired. He did not believe that conformance with the rest of the neighborhood's appearance would be a problem, since lower Kennydale did not have any sidewalks until last year, and only three streets have them now.<br><br>Mayor Tanner reiterated that the Administration will look into this request.   |
| Citizen Comment: Evans – Cedar Park Apts Sight- Obscuring Sign at Monroe Ave & NE 4 <sup>th</sup> St | Ralph Evans, 3306 NE 11th Pl., Renton, 98056, expressed concern that the signage posted by Cedar Park Apartments on the corner of Monroe Ave. NE and NE 4th St. obscures oncoming traffic from south-bound drivers attempting to make a right-hand turn from Monroe onto NE 4 <sup>th</sup> . Mayor Tanner replied that this problem will be taken care of.   |
| <b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>   | MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 15 MINUTES TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION. CARRIED. Time: 8:24 p.m.<br><br>The meeting was reconvened at 8:40 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.  |
| <b>ADJOURNMENT</b>   | MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:41 p.m.   |

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold  
March 27, 2000